

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Spring thaw was evident in northwestern areas, as irrigation ditches and streams began to increase in flow rate. Apricot trees were reported in full bloom. Strong winds were drying out soils throughout much of the northern half of the State. Ranchers have moved cattle off of their wheat. Native pastures were green and growing under warm temperatures; however, a timely rain is needed to sustain substantial growth. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 40 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 9 percent very short, 23 percent short, and 68 percent adequate.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Chile planted .....	60	50	42	55
Cotton planted .....	6	NA	2	5
Cows calved .....	30	16	NA	NA
Cattle receiving supplemental feed .....	87	84	NA	NA
Ewes lambled .....	25	8	NA	NA
Sheep receiving supplemental feed .....	78	77	NA	NA
Onions				
Planted.....	95	90	92	94
Emerged .....	34	NA	NA	NA

(NA) – not available

### PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor .....	8	8	27	43
Poor .....	9	7	48	27
Fair .....	37	36	21	21
Good.....	34	36	4	9
Excellent.....	12	13	--	--

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### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	6.7	NA	4.5	5.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	5	52	52
Short.....	55	50	15	23
Adequate .....	40	45	33	24
Surplus .....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	7	33	NA
Short.....	25	24	15	NA
Adequate .....	68	69	52	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	--	NA

NA – not available

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### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa .....	--	1	16	46	37
Cattle and calves.....	1	2	40	55	2
Spring lettuce .....	--	--	--	100	--
Sheep and lambs.....	19	17	13	51	--
Winter wheat .....	--	--	40	50	10

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New Mexico's weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/New\\_Mexico/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2015/NM\\_Weather\\_04062015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_04062015.pdf)